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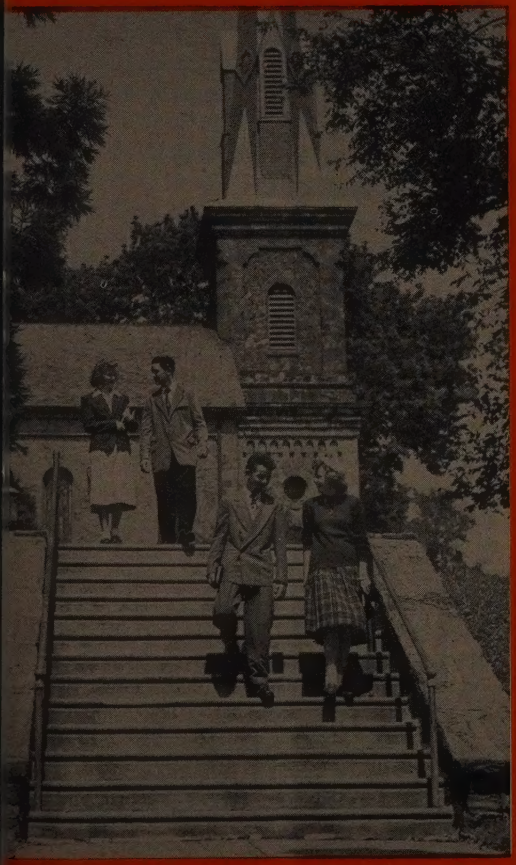

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Teach My People!

by ERWIN S. SPEES

The Brotherhood can help make Parish Education Month serve a useful urpose.

SEPTEMBER is Parish Education onth. It is a time when special at- ntion is given to the educational ork of the congregation.

Helping the congregation improve nd extend its educational work is the sk of The Parish and Church School oard of the ULCA. To help congre- ations focus attention on their edu- ational work a special theme is used each year for Parish Education Month. This year the theme is *Teach My People!*

How can the Brotherhood help make Parish Education Month serve a useful purpose in the congregation?

How Men Can Help

First, by knowing the aims for the theme *Teach My People!* Here they are:

1. To improve Christian teaching in church-school classes.
2. To improve Christian teaching

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING HELPS IMPROVE CHRISTIAN TEACHING

in the home.

3. To help the congregation assume its total responsibility for Christian teaching.

In the second place, the Brotherhood can help to put these aims into practice. For instance, the key word in the first two aims is *improve.* Each congregation has a responsibility to improve Christian teaching. The emphasis in the third aim is on *total.* Christian teaching includes the Brotherhood, as well as other auxiliaries and agencies of the congregation.

Again, men have ties of allegiance beyond the Brotherhood. They are members of a family circle, the Sunday school, the church council, and so on. Above all else, they are members of a congregation, a part of the "holy Christian Church." And Jesus' final command to the church was "Go, teach." Christian teaching is a vital part of each congregation's work.

Materials Available

Some of the materials available for Parish Education Month include the following:

1. A poster, for display in the congregation.

2. Leaflets or folders—

"Suggestions and Plans" (a general folder describing all Parish Education Month projects)

"The Workers' Conference"

"Into Every Home" (suggestions for home visitation)

"Catechetics, Opportunity Unlimited"

"The Parish Education Cabinet or Committee"

"The Nursery Department at Wor

"Youth and Youth Sunday"

"Teach My People" (A recogniti folder for workers)

3. Four tracts —

Whose Babies Are These? (impo tance of reaching and teaching babi in our homes)

My People (diversity of peop whom God would have taught)

You Never Know (need and joy teaching the faith)

Together (describing the joint ta of home and church)

Teaching Clinics

During 1951 the field work pr gram of The Parish and Chur School Board is centered in "teachi clinics." The purpose of these clini is to help congregations impro Christian teaching. In some syno these teaching clinics were held l spring, in other synods they will held this autumn.

The Brotherhood can encoura parents and workers to attend t teaching clinics. Getting behind the clinics is one way to help make t theme *Teach My People!* a means improving Christian teaching in t congregation.

God Gives the Increase

As we help to make Parish Educ tion Month an avenue for improvi Christian teaching in the congregati we must not forget that God wor through us to accomplish the i provement sought for. A teacher pr pares someone (a pupil) to recei God's truth, but that teacher mu ever be mindful that it is God wh

:omplishes any results realized. ıe New Testament emphasis is not what *we* do but on what *God* does. However, this does not mean that aching should be done in a slipshod shion. A teacher must know how to ach. This involves an understanding how persons learn, as well as a owledge of the laws of growth. nd it all adds up to this fact: Chris-an teaching must be planned. And en, this means in *your* congrega-on!

Dr. S. White Rhyne, executive cretary of The Parish and Church School Board, puts it this way: "If a farmer should plow fields and sow the seed with utter disregard to the seasons of the year, the need of sunshine and rain, and the known methods of cultivation, he should anticipate a slim harvest, empty barns, and barren cribs. God does not send a harvest unless the farmer plans and follows the best known laws of growth in nature."

Parish Education Month should be of vital concern to every Brotherhood. *Teach My People!* includes the total life of the congregation.

Honorary Life Memberships

by PHARES G. BEER

THE 33RD Brotherhood Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 21, would be a fine time to have an Honorary Life Membership shower for all the members of your Brotherhood, or for the officers at least. We will be glad to publish the photograph of any Brotherhood having a shower for all its members. What Brotherhood will be the first to have a hundred per cent Honorary Life Membership?

Memberships to be received for distribution on Brotherhood Sunday should be applied for *immediately*.

There now are 48 charter Honorary Life Members from 11 synodical Brotherhoods. Four synodical Brotherhoods have regularly appointed Honorary Life Membership secretaries. They are:

Maryland Synod—Martin A. McGrory, P.O. Box 6950, Congress Heights Station, Washington 20, D.C.

North Carolina Synod—Carl W. Cross, Salisbury, R. F. D. 3, North Carolina.

Pennsylvania Ministerium—Fred W. Zuch, 44 N. West End Avenue, Lancaster, Pa.

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The synodical Honorary Life Membership secretary will try to create

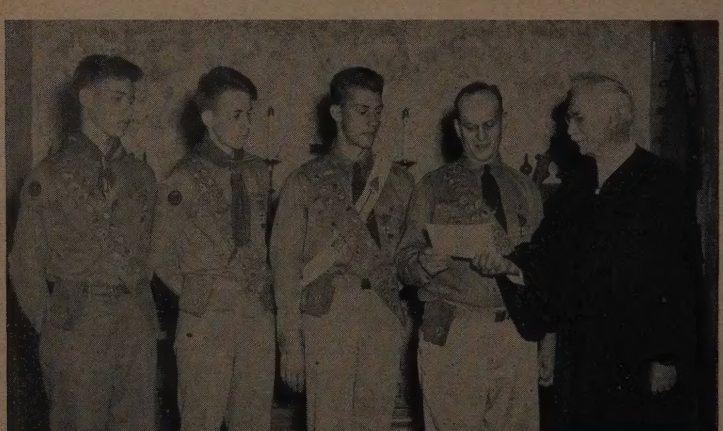
interest by special presentations of memberships at synodical conventions and will promote and present individual and group gifts and will foster showers for one hundred per cent Honorary Life Membership Brotherhoods. He will also promote In Memoriam Memberships for former Brotherhood leaders and members, for men who gave their lives in the service, and for others who were active in the church.

He will assist in securing appointments of conference Honorary Life Membership secretaries, and whenever vacancies occur he will urge the filling of these vacancies and report all appointments to the chairman of the Honorary Life Membership committee of the ULCA Brotherhood.

He will make annual reports to th synodical convention after writing t the synodical treasurer and securin from him the list of Honorary Lif and In Memoriam Membership given during the year.

He will keep complete and up-t date records, that are in perfect co dition. This is fair to the Brotherhoo and those who succeed him.

He will write letters at least twic a year to his conference secretarie and, where there are no conferenc Brotherhoods, to the congregationa Brotherhoods of his synod, calling a tention to the progress and any ne phase of the work or to any new ru ings that may be made. The great ob jective is to keep this department co tinually before the Brotherhood.



Pro Deo et Patria

The Rev. William E. Bauer, D.D., pastor of the Boquet-Harrison City (Pa.) Lutheran Parish is presenting the **Pro Deo et Patria** award to four Star scouts of Troop 1, sponsored by th Brotherhod of St. John's Lutheran Church of Boquet. These young men are (left to right) Charle J. Sebek Jr., Ronnie Kelly, William G. Kelly Jr., and Joseph Novak. All four are active i the church, Sunday school and the Brotherhood; three sing on the choir.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

It was a beautiful, peaceful setting, campfire site hewn out of the forest, r from the restless, noisy Saturday vening crowds of the town and city reets. An audience of about 350 par- nts, scouts and scouters was gather- g quietly at eventide to witness the onferring of the Eagle Scout badge pon seven young men, a reward for heir achievement in scouting. The uiet reverent atmosphere of the neeting was broken by the sound of he bugle which started the proces- ion of the court to its station between wo huge campfires. Prayer, salute to he flag, the Boy Scout oath led by Eagle Scouts opened the court.

A scouter told of the trail of scout- ng from cub to eagle. In this he was ssisted by seven scouts with the rank f cub, tenderfoot, second class, first lass, star, life and eagle. Each, in orrect uniform, carried something ndicative of his rank. The scout re- ord of each of the seven candidates was read as the scout, his father and nother and scoutmaster came for- ward to receive the award and sign he huge record book. An appropriate harge by a clergyman was given to he young eagles, in which he chal- lenged them to use their God-given talents in the service of God and country. Recitation of the twelve laws of scouting, the scoutmaster's bene- diction, again led by Eagle Scouts, concluded the court.

All but one of the sponsoring groups were churches. In a number of instances the boys had already won their church award, which was worn alongside the eagle badge. Many of the scouts in the audience proudly displayed the *Pro Deo et Patria* award. Impressive, dramatic, rever- ent are suitable words to describe this meeting. To a thoughtful person there came a strange, good feeling. Here, in the midst of the forest, had gathered a sizable audience, many having come a considerable distance to honor a group of boys who had made notable achievements in scout- ing. It all seemed so much in order and yet strange in the midst of the confusion of our day and age. Church- sponsored scouting is a beacon light to boys in this uncertain world of to- day. Brotherhood men have the re- sponsibility of seeing to it that all boys have this opportunity.

More Home Runs Needed

There are more thrills in religion than in baseball. What the church needs to do is to hit some home runs. It needs to go to bat with a determination to win games. Even sacrifice hits won't do at this time. Knock the ball over the fence, clear the bases, and the Great Umpire of the game of games — the game of life itself — will chalk up the winning score for you.

Religion isn't a drab, colorless something for the weak, the aged, and the sentimental. It's the great game of making a new world. Take religion in the spirit of eager sportsmanship; play the game fairly, but play it hard.

—Branch Rickey

The Ethnic German Dossier Program

by HANS P. TREUENFELS

Look at the next page. Have you seen any such letter? You did not? Why? Did your pastor not get any, or were you not there when he discussed the Ethnic German Dossier Program with your congregation? So, please, look for yourself.

Think of it: people were expelled because they kept their German family names and their Lutheran faith. You rightly remember that your own family came over here, and some 30 years ago, at the beginning of World War I, they were in trouble. Did they change their names? Did they give up Lutheranism? Were they expelled? Certainly not. And we are stronger and freer and better off than ever before.

Listen to your conscience. Listen to the commands of brotherly love. Never before was the word *brother* more appropriate than now. Listen to the words Brother Ralph Wohlsen spoke, which were backed up by the executive committee, your leaders. Listen to Miss Cordelia Cox, resettlement executive of the National Lutheran Council:

"In several places in the country, the Lutheran Brotherhoods have taken special interes and responsibility for resettlement. They hav guaranteed jobs and housing for from one t twenty families. This plan has worked splen didly. I want to ask you whether other Broth erhoods might be interested in sponsorin families, too. We know employment is eas to find, and housing is difficult. But a grou of men working together **can** find housin if the thing at issue is saving a family. W can accept the guaranteee of a Brotherhoo that housing will be provided on arrival, s it need not be immediately available. It take six months for most families to get here.

Do you think the Brotherhoods will hel forward this final effort of the resettlemen program?"

Yes, I do think so!

Decide, Brethren, that this is one o *our* tasks. Decide that with the worl nearly done—some 200,000 Lutheran have been resettled already—we wil not fall down on the last 10,000.

Take action, Brethren, now. Hav the will to find housing.

This is not an appeal on theor alone. I know the resettlement effor intimately. We Lutherans have don exceptionally well. The DP progran was concluded on July 31, except fo late arrivals. Now let's complete th part that should be even nearer to ou hearts, nearer to our past and tradi tion, the need that strikes nearer t home than anything else, the oppor tunity to help a possible relative.

We were given our chance; let' provide a chance for them.

Hans P. Treuenfels, LL.D., of Norwalk, Conn., is president of the New York Synod Brotherhood.

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Dear Fellow-Worker,

In just a few words I would like to introduce the family in this dossier to you. This family is one of hundreds of thousands, even millions of volksdeutsche families who have been driven, expelled or in some manner removed from their home and homeland.

But let me start at the very beginning. Who are the Volksdeutsche, as we call them the "Ethnic Germans"? Where do they come from, what is their origin?

Many centuries ago people from Germany emigrated, usually in small groups, towards the Eastern parts of Europe, such as the Balkan and Baltic countries. Sometimes they went because they were invited by the rulers of those countries with the intention of cultivating their land. Sometimes they left because economic, social or religious pressures forced them to move. They lived in little communities amidst peoples of other tongues where they upheld their German traditions and clung especially to their religious faith. As a result of the Potsdam agreement they were expelled.

This group, together with those whose home was east of the Oder-Neisse, which is now a part of Poland, make up the approximately 12 million refugees presently in Germany. Eight to nine millions of this group are now living in overcrowded Western Germany with little hope for the future. It is this group of refugees that we are seeking to help most. As you know, the amended DP Act provides for 54,000 of them to emigrate to the States. We hope that you will help us to place them. We are certain that you will find them to be hard-working, sincere, willing, and, above all, spiritually a stable people who will be a real asset to your church and our country.

We should appreciate whatever you will find possible to do for them, and you may rest assured that you will have their heart-felt and lifelong thanks.

Very cordially yours,

Gerhard G. Dietrich

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Gerhard G. Dietrich, Pastor

Message From Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

Brotherhood Sunday, October 21

Our 33rd anniversary men's services will challenge the brotherhood to support our church's year-around program of evangelism.

"RESTORE the Lost Sheep" will be the theme for our 1951 Brotherhood Sunday service, which will again be held on the third Sunday in October —October 21st. This will be a red-letter day in most of the Lutheran churches throughout the United States and Canada.

The 1951 Brotherhood Sunday packet was placed in the mails on August 15, in ample time to arrange your Brotherhood Sunday observance.

The success of your Brotherhood Sunday service will depend upon the whole-hearted cooperation of your pastor and men's group. Your brotherhood officers should meet with their pastor and representatives of the church council and arrange a challenging program to include several brief talks by your brotherhood members on some phase of brotherhood work. Many pastors will wish to preach a special sermon, and while this is very desirable, an opportunity should also be given to the laymen to participate in the service.

You can avoid disappointment by inviting your guest speakers now.

33rd Anniversary Offering

A sample of the 33rd anniversary offering envelope, with an order blank, has been mailed to the president and pastor of each men's group. These envelopes are to be distributed at your September meeting and will be received with an offering for the promotional work of the ULCA Brotherhood at your Brotherhood Sunday service on October 21.

The anniversary offering will be used to establish new congregational brotherhoods in all synods of the ULCA.

Your congregational brotherhood treasurer is requested to forward check or money order payable to the ULCA Brotherhood, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., and designated "anniversary offering", not later than October 31, 1951. If your Brotherhood Sunday service will not be held prior to this date, may we ask that your members bring their anniversary offering envelopes to your November meeting.

Arrange Your Program Now!

Some brotherhoods may find it de-

able to arrange a Brotherhood Sun-
y program that will have a more
ecific appeal to their groups. It is
th this idea in mind that we respect-
lly submit the following program
ggestions:

ymns:

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"
"The Church's One Foundation"
"Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
"Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak"
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
"My God! How Wonderful Thou Art"
"Christ for the World We Sing"
"The Sign of the Cross and the Heart"

salms:

96, 84, 46, 89, 90, 91, 100, 103, 118, 145.

cripture Lessons:

Luke 15:11-32
Zechariah 4:6
John 9:1-7
Psalm 40:8
Deuteronomy 10:12-21
Matthew 22:34-36
Romans 12
Ephesians 6:10-17
St. John 15:1-16
I Corinthians 16:13
I John 5:4
I John 4:7-21

Subjects for Addresses:

"Restore the Lost Sheep"
"Advance — O Church of God!"
"Serve With Joy"
"Faithful Men"
"Forward with Christ"
"The Brotherhood, its Purposes and Program"
"Sharing the Wealth"
"The Brotherhood Objectives"
"A Serving Manhood"
"The Brotherhood, a Field of Service"
"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
"Laymen Witnessing for Christ"
"Our Call to Service"
"Victory through Christ"
"Brotherhood Loyalty"
"Rebuilding for Christ"

Topics for Five-Minute Talks:

"Our Brotherhood —
a. Its accomplishments
b. Program for the coming year."
"Why Have an Annual Brotherhood Service?"
"What the Brotherhood Offers to our Men"
"What the Brotherhood Has Meant to Me"
"How the Brotherhood Can Best Serve our Pastor and Congregation"

We invite you to write to Brotherhood Headquarters for additional Brotherhood Sunday suggestions and sample copies of *Lutheran Men* and literature items for your meeting.

Christian Incognito

"I want to be a Christian like my father," said a lad.

"How's that?" he was asked.

"Why, no one can tell whether he is a Christian or not."

—Ross H. Stover

Education For Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Have you dedicated your home?

"OUR CHURCH is encouraging the dedication of homes. This practice is relatively new among us." I recently made that remark in a sectional meeting of the National Council on Family Relations. "A new thing?" questioned a Jewish rabbi. "Why, we've been doing that for more than three thousand years." Yes, the Jews pay a lot of attention to homes and family life. Many of them dedicate their homes to a Godly life. Shall we Christians do any less?

What a Home Dedication Is

A home dedication is a brief service in which a home is dedicated to use as the abode of Christian faith and life. It may be done when newlyweds start their home, when a family moves into a house, new or old, which they have built, bought, or rented, or when they move into an apartment. Or, a dedication may be an annual affair.

Dedications are carried out in one's home, with the family alone, with the family and the pastor, or with relatives and friends present. In a few cases pastors, once a year, hold a dedication in the church for all homes of the congregation. Having the service within one's home seems more desirable.

How It Is Done

One young pastor and wife, a few years ago, held a dedication of their home as one of their first acts upon coming into the parish. They invited all members of the church to attend, and many did so. Then the pastor asked all of them to dedicate their own homes. Many of them held such dedications and asked the pastor to come and participate in the service.

The service may be formal or informal. Some pastors have made up their own form for the service. The National Council of Churches has a satisfactory form, a copy of which may be had from the writer upon request. The 1950 conventions of the United Lutheran Church authorized preparation of a form for the "blessing of a home."

Such "blessing of homes" is not likely to take place in any number of cases unless the church sponsors the project and the pastor provides leadership and helpfulness. Many families would hardly find out about dedications and their desirability unless the church made them known. To the dedication service may well be added a general "open house." The occasion may prove the beginning of some fine friendships.

Values

A home dedication emphasizes Christian faith and living to the whole family and to all who are present. It

dramatized before their eyes, and y are likely to feel both a desire l an obligation to live out the als which have been held before m. If relatives and friends are sent, they will expect the family llive up to the implications of the service. That expectation will be felt by the family, and it will prove a further motivation to trust and live as Christians should. Such living will add strength to the church and its influence, and these in turn will further help the family.

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he Brotherhood in Action

CHARLES F. BROBST

Begin With Yourself.

ur Lord worshipped in the synagogue every Sabbath "as his custom as." God expects you at church ery Sunday; so does your pastor. ou have 168 hours each week. God ants you to give no less than an hour r worship in his house. The fellowip of God's people, the singing of e hymns, the reading of the Scripre and the inspiration of the serion will help you in your growing hristian life.

Practice Christian stewardship. hat means share your time, your talnt, your income with God. It is by is goodness that you are what you re and have what you have. Gratiude impels a Christian to share. here is something each one can do the church. No one is without some kill. A definite portion of one's inome should be set aside for God's ork. The tithe should be the minium. It is wonderful to be in partership with God to help him build is kingdom.

Form the habit of faith. Expect the best of life. Believe that it holds for you greater gifts than you have ever known. Be able to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

To have a better Brotherhood we must start with ourselves. If those of us who are interested and active in the life of the congregation are the kind of members that are desirable companions, others will willingly be in our company. People followed Jesus in large numbers because they felt better when they were in his presence. If we form his habits as individuals we will improve not only ourselves but the groups to which we belong.

Practice the presence of God. God is always near. He is the companion of every follower. He helps, guides, inspires and strengthens. He promises, "Lo, I am with you alway."

Pray daily. Prayer is more than begging for help in time of trouble; it is fellowship with God, talking with him. If he walks with you, why not

talk with him. Be friendly. Pray without ceasing.

Read his word daily. Through the Bible God speaks to you. He encourages you and strengthens your faith. You will understand God better an love him more. You will begin to dis cover how God helped others live ra diant and victorious lives.

Attend church services regularly

NEWS

Nawakwa Retreat

More than 40 men will take an active part in the program prepared for the 5th annual retreat for Lutheran laymen under the auspices of the Maryland Synod Brotherhood to be held at Camp Nawakwa, Arendtsville, Pa., Sept. 8 and 9.

The theme of the gathering, "What Think Ye of Jesus?" will be highlighted by: "At Home with God," an illustrated talk by John Nordberg, of Washington; "Evangelizing For Jesus," by Dr. J. Frank Fife, president of synod; "Fellowship in the Church," by Carson Frailey, of Washington; "Do You Believe It?" a challenge by George Eberly, of Washington; "Jesus at Work in the World," by Bernard J. Confer, of New York, administrative secretary for Lutheran World Relief; "With God as Your Partner," by Paul I. Folkemer, of Baltimore; "In His Name," a stewardship film; "What Think Ye of Jesus?" by the Rev. Fred J. Eckert, retreat pastor; "What Lutheran World Relief Has Meant to Me and My Family," by Dr. Armins Rusis, a Latvian sponsored by Reformation Church, Washington; celebra tion of the Lord's Supper.

Recreational activities will includ softball, campfire gatherings, sing spirations and hikes.

Indians in Brooklyn!

Yes, it is true that Brooklyn, N.Y. has everything. A feature of th 122nd Anniversary Day parade o Sunday-school children was a grou of Indians from the Cuyler Presbyte rian Church, the Rev. Dr. David M Cory, pastor. Dr. Cory, who has 5 Indians in his church, assisted in th revision of Luke's Gospel which wa published in the Iroquois tongue b the American Bible Society in 1941 There are about 300 Mohawks, tribe of the Iroquois, in the borough living like other Americans.

Executive Committee Meets

(picture on pages 16 and 17)

"I have pledged the Brotherhood' reactivation of 40,000 lapsed churc members," reported President Ralp J. Wohlsen at the executive commit

meeting of the ULCA Brotherhood in its headquarters at Bethlehem, Pa., July 14.

"This is *not* an easy task, but with proper effort by each of us, with God's help and guidance through prayer we can and will reach this goal."

Treasurer Ernest C. J. Haller announced that, with all known bills to date paid in full, there was a balance in the treasury, in all accounts, totaling $3,122.

Executive Secretary Earle W. Baer introduced Ernest Clarke, member of the executive committee and president of the Canada Synod Brotherhood, who brought greetings and encouraging accounts of progress in organizing new brotherhoods in Canada. The executive committee designated Mr. Clarke as ULCA Brotherhood field representative in Canada and authorized for this purpose an expense account up to $250. Mr. Baer also reported that 44 new brotherhoods were chartered between July 1, 1950 and June 30, 1951.

The Rev. Arthur H. Getz, D.D., editor of the Inter-Lutheran Brotherhood topics, submitted for final approval the 1952 topics and for tentative approval the 1953 topics.

A plan for grouping ULCA synods and regions for Boy Scout work was presented by Dr. George A. Eichler, chairman of the Boy Scout committee. His plan was approved. He also said that 537 *Pro Deo et Patria* awards have been presented.

A report of hard work and steady progress in promoting the church's year-around program of evangelism was made by Fred W. Konemann, chairman of the evangelism committee.

B. T. Bodie, chairman of the stewardship committee, deplored the fact that "this year the churches went into low gear," the payments toward apportionment being 37 per cent below expectation for the first two months. "We must promote Christian tithing, 50-50 giving, Christian stewardship."

President Wohlsen appointed Fred Konemann, Harry Fritsch and the Rev. Joseph B. Mohr as a committee to set up a method whereby a subscription to *Lutheran Men* can be included in the annual dues of each member of the Brotherhood.

The resignation from the executive committee of the Rev. Fred C. Wiegman was accepted and the president was given authority to appoint a successor to serve until the next ULCA Brotherhood convention.

A recommendation by the president that two cents per mile be paid to defray part of the travel expenses of members of the executive and administrative committees for attendance at stated meetings was approved.

The executive committee also approved the president's recommendation that a committee be appointed to study ways and means of acquiring our own Brotherhood building. The following were appointed to study plans for a Brotherhood Building Fund: Leonard Ashford, Fred Konemann, Ernest C. J. Haller, Aubrey Mauney and William Shetlock.

ULCA Brotherhood Executive Committee Meets at Headquarters in Bethlehem, Pa., on July 1

First row (left to right): the Rev. Phares G. Beer, D.D., Member; Fred W. Konemann, Firs Vice-President; Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary; Ralph J. Wohlsen, President; Aubre Mauney, Secretary; the Rev. Arthur H. Getz, D.D., Advisory Member. **Second row:** Robert D Raeder, Advisory Member; the Rev. Joseph B. Mohr, Editor **Lutheran Men**; Dr. George A

Eichler, Advisory Member; William Shetlock, Second Vice-President; Ernest Clarke, Member; Alfred Arnesen Sr., Member; the Rev. Charles F. Brobst, Advisory Member; Merwyn C. Fuss, Member; Ernest C. J. Haller, Treasurer; Leonard F. Ashford, Member. **Third row:** Robert C. Hamer, Visitor; B. T. Bodie, Third Vice-President; William F. Kedde, Member; Harry A. Tritsch, Member.

Canada

Brotherhood Rally

"Building for Christ Through Home Missions" was the theme of a rally sponsored by the Canada Synod Brotherhood in Waterloo Park June 10. The Rev. E. W. Heimrich of Zurich, guest speaker, emphasized three thoughts: We build for Christ; we build for Christ through assistance to home mission congregations; it pays to assist home mission congregations.

But we should not assist with the hope of getting something in return, declared the speaker. A dollar spent in the interest of the Kingdom of God is never spent. It keeps on giving.

Reference was also made to the Loan and Gift Fund to be sponsored by the Brotherhood to assist home mission congregations in erecting needed church buildings.

Relocation of Schools Discussed

Discussion of Canada Synod's decision against relocating Waterloo College and Seminary was heard at the Brotherhood meeting in St. Matthew's, Kitchener, in June. Lay Delegate Henry Huether called the decision unfortunate and not in the best interests of the schools, declaring that a golden oportunity to make a new start in a preferred location, with modern instead of made-over buildings, has been lost.

The Brotherhood voted a contribution to the building fund for the new $250,000 parish hall chapel and Sunday-school building under construction.

—Samuel Weicker

Eagle Scout Joe Freeze
Leader with delegation to Austria

Chosen as the outstanding Boy Scout of the China Grove, N.C., area, Eagle Scout Joe Freeze served as Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 12, Region Six of The Boy Scouts of America, with the delegation from the United States to the World Boy Scout Jamboree, Bad Ischl, Austria, August 3 to 13.

Scout Freeze, who was awarded this trip by the China Grove Rotary Club, is a member of Explorer Scout Post 378, St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Freeze, this young man is a high-school senior and a member of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, the Rev. W. D. Moser Jr., pastor.

The delegation also visited Algiers, Italy, Switzerland and France, and arrived in New York on August 28 aboard the S.S. Homeland.

An Avid Bible Reader

1,360 Times

When 54 years ago a professed ıeist told him he had read the New ıstament eight times, C. H. Little cided that "if an atheist reads the ible that often, I'd better do some-ing about it."

Today the Rev. Dr. C. H. Little of ınada, retired Waterloo Seminary ofessor, claims the distinction of ving read the New Testament in reek 85 times, in German 27 times, Latin once, in French once and in nglish 1,360 times! He has read the ld Testament once in Hebrew, once German and 57 times in English.

He retired in 1947 at the age of 5 and now spends 10 hours a day ading, his eyes unaffected by this ocation. He recommends that peo-le ought to read the Bible more than ey do.

Lutheranism is not a Brook

Perhaps we, as Lutherans, should low our own horns just a wee bit ouder so the rest of the world will now that we are not a little brook in ne backwood meadows. For when utherans in England inquired at the ritish Broadcasting Company on the ossibility of a Lutheran religious adio program, the following reply as received:

"It is the policy of the B. B. C. to roadcast only the services of those hurches which are in the main-stream f the Christian tradition."

Now do not accuse the B. B. C. of gnorance in this matter. Let us pass t off by saying that the B. B. C. has a ubtle sense of humor.

However, the American man in the street cannot be expected to know much about these things. Tell him that the Lutheran Church is the largest Protestant group in the world and his reaction will be typically this:

"But I always thought that the Methodists or the Baptists — well, well, well!"

Lutherans number 51,000,000 strong, in nearly 100 church and mission groups in 33 countries, according to figures disclosed by Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, Lutheran World Federation executive secretary, in a report to the executive committee of the federation at its annual meeting in Geneva this year.

This figure is a conservative minimum. The known total of Lutherans in the world is at least 68,500,000, as an estimated 14,500,000 are affiliated with Union Churches in Germany and elsewhere.

Of the 51,000,000, close to 90 per cent are concentrated in seven countries—Germany, with 20,230,760; the United States, with 6,256,900; Sweden, with 6,105,000; Denmark, with 4,000,000; Finland, with 3,840,000; Norway, with 3,076,740; and Latvia, with 1,500,000. The figure for Latvia is considered questionable, as it is based on 1940 and no information is available of the current situation in the Baltic States under the Russians.

Member churches of the Lutheran World Federation, Dr. Michelfelder reported, represent 46,500,000 persons, or 90 per cent of the 51,000,000 affiliated with the world's Lutheran

Churches and 68 per cent of the 68,500,000 credited to Lutheranism.

Dr. Michelfelder said that the figures in the statistical survey were obtained primarily from membership files of 1950, almanacs of 1951 and official statements published within the last year in church periodicals. In some cases, sources of information have been used, such as the Lutheran World Alamanac of 1937. Wherever a choice had to be made between two figures, without evidence as to which should be adopted, the smaller of the two was taken, said Dr. Michelfelder, so the totals may be considered minimum figures.

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DP Lad Saves Two Lives Thanks to Comic Book

New York (NLC)—If some people are still in doubt about the rapid Americanization of young displaced persons brought to this country, they ought to read the United Press story from Grand Rapids of how 11-year old Aro Couch saved his own and his eight-year-old sister's life—thanks to comic book wisdom.

Aro and his sister Astra were playing on a farm near Grand Rapids, where they and their parents were resettled three years ago. Astra fell against a wire fence charged with electricity and was held fast. Aro tried to free her but was also held fast.

Then the lad remembered reading a comic book in which the hero used a tree branch to free another hero from a similar situation. From th book Aro had learned that wood is non-conductor.

He had no tree branch, but h could reach the long wooden stick he had been using to spear frogs. Th first spear broke. But the second one which he used as a lever, worked, an both children were released.

The United Press said the girl wa slightly burned, but added, "The Lat vian family believes that comic book are educational."

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Convention Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood

"Lutheran Unity" will be the them of a panel discussion at the annua convention of the Pittsburgh Syno Brotherhood on Sept. 15 at Lutherlyn

With Dr. Roy Johnson, Thiel Col lege, serving as moderator, speaker on the panel will be: the Rev. A. F Brunn, St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh (Mis souri Synod); the Rev. H. C. Oster man, president of the Eastern Dis trict, American Lutheran Church; th Rev. J. Victor Murtland, campus pas tor, Lutheran Student Foundatio (N. L. C.); the Rev. E. K. Rogers D.D., pastor First Lutheran Church Warren (U. L. C. A.).

H. Ober Hess, attorney-at-law Philadelphia, will speak on "Th Significance of the Priesthood of Al Believers" at the fellowship dinner

President Walter C. Koehler will preside at the business sessions an the Rev. H. Wahl Pfeifer will serv as chaplain.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Editors Should Be Humble

While Jesus was quietly delivering his Sermon on the Mount, many words of "wisdom" were being weighed carefully in the forums and legislative halls of the Roman world. Great issues were being discussed, important foreign and domestic problems, crises and emergencies. The commentators and editors of the day were offering diagnostic and prognostic infallibilities, as though the world would not survive without The Opinion!

In the year 1897, preceding the Spanish-American war, there was much to comment about, with unrest in Cuba and a Turco-Greek war overseas.

But probably the only editorial worth always remembering did not have its inspiration in Cuba or in Europe but in the simple question of eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon of New York, "Is there a Santa Claus?" In answer to this query to the New York *Sun*, Francis P. Church, laying aside all pomposity, and with humble mind speaking to innocent child, wrote words that were reprinted in the *Sun* every Christmas from 1897 to 1949.

Now consider an earlier year, 1863. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which changed the lives of millions. A fateful war was in the throes of being waged on battlefields and at editors' desks. What were newspapers and magazines saying?

On Nov. 19, Lincoln made a brie speech at Gettysburg. He was pre ceded by Edward Everett, forme president of Harvard, secretary o state and senator from Massachusetts one of the nation's great orators, wh spoke for two hours, no doubt giving evidence of acute intellectual com mand of the war situation.

What did Everett say? Who re members?

You know what Lincoln said. Bu do you know what certain editoria opinions thought of Lincoln's speech?

A Pennsylvania newspaper wrote

> The President acted without sense and with out constraint in a panorama that was gotte up more for the benefit of his party than fo the honor of the dead . . . We pass over th silly remarks of the President, for the credit o the nation we are willing that the veil o oblivion shall be dropped over them and tha they shall no more be repeated or thought o

An Illinois newspaper said:

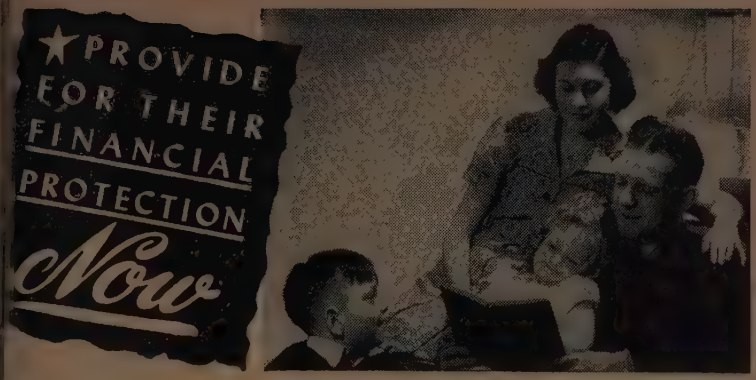
> The cheek of every American must tingl with shame as he reads the silly, flat, an dish-watery utterances of the man who has t be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as th President of the United States.

A correspondent for a Londo newspaper wrote:

> Anything more dull and commonplace i would not be easy to produce.

Now I am sure that nothing I hav here said will stop anybody from ex pressing an opinion, but it should serve to give us all a lively awarenes of the great need for humility. Th humility of Lincoln, who said, "Th world will little note, nor long re member, what we say here . . ."

—Joseph B. Moh



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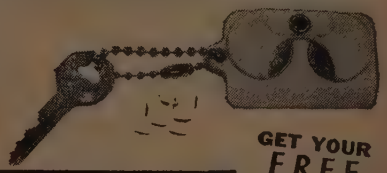

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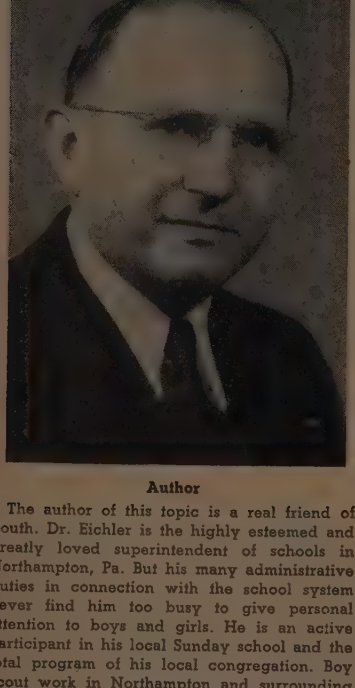
Scouting brings men and boys together



Author

The author of this topic is a real friend of youth. Dr. Eichler is the highly esteemed and greatly loved superintendent of schools in Northampton, Pa. But his many administrative duties in connection with the school system never find him too busy to give personal attention to boys and girls. He is an active participant in his local Sunday school and the total program of his local congregation. Boy Scout work in Northampton and surrounding territory has been enriched by Dr. Eichler's fine counsel and active participation. Each month finds him giving valuable time in nearby and far-away communities as a promoter of scouting. His services as a speaker at special scout functions are avidly sought. His influence in the scout movement has been pronounced through his column on "Boy Scouts," published each month in **Lutheran Men.** The boys of our Lutheran Church have no better friend than Dr. Eichler.

GOOD BOYS are the only raw mate rial out of which good men can b made. No one will take exception t this statement, but relatively few me take it seriously enough to do muc about it.

Seldom are boys' work committee of men's groups considered very im portant. They are usually near th end in the list of committees, and ar staffed by members who are left afte important committee assignment have been made. It is the exceptio rather than the rule when outstand ing men are assigned to boys' work

Men and Boys

In their everyday activities men as sociate more with other men tha with boys, and are therefore naturall better acquainted with problems o the adult level. Boys seem to live i another world, and men often find i difficult to adjust themselves to thi world of boys. Some men conside leadership in men's groups an asse to their business or profession, bu work with boys is not immediately rewarding. Boys do not vote, award

Editorial Committee

Arthur H. Getz, chairman; Charles E. John son, C. Oscar Leonardson, E. V. Morton, Car E. Schock.

tracts, or swing a business deal. ey are hard to deal with, and some- es seem somewhat of a nuisance to ve around.

It is high time, however, that Brothood men realize that our boys will the leaders of the immediate fure. The mantle of leadership will l on them tomorrow. We must refore do everything possible to epare them to cope with the probms that will confront them, if civiation is to survive.

The Church's Program

Scouting has a long and distinished record in helping boys to be tter boys. It has given them a proam of constructive activities, well ited to restless, growing boys.

"Boys will be boys," we say by ay of apology when active, adolesnt boys get into mischief. But getting into trouble is not a natural tendency of boys. Craving for activity, however, is natural in all healthy boys. This is where the Boy Scout program fits into the picture.

Scouting is approved by all Lutheran general bodies. It brings nothing into the church which the church does not itself control. It merely offers its tested program of boy activities for the church to use as it sees fit. It never supplants anything in any organization into which it enters. Protestants, Catholics, and Jews have used it to supplement their own boys' work activities. More than half of all scout troops are sponsored by churches.

It is quite appropriate that our church has placed the responsibility for developing the scouting program into the hands of the Brotherhood, the

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Aims

1. To acquaint the men of the congregation ith the total boys' work program of the ongregation, and particularly with the Boy out program if it is carried on in the conregation.

2. To give the Boy Scouts, 4-H Club, or her organized group, an opportunity to monstrate some phase of their work and explain their objectives.

3. To give a scout leader an opportunity to escribe and perhaps demonstrate Scouting that program is not now part of the congregation's work.

4. To give the Brotherhood's chairman of he Boys' Work Committee an opportunity to xplain the part which the Brotherhood layed during the past year in promoting oys' work.

5. To list the recommendations of a previously appointed committee for the strengthning of boys' work (action on the report to e taken at a subsequent meeting).

6. To provide an evening of good fellowhip for the men and boys of the congregaion.

The topic leader should first of all turn to he suggestions for assignments given at the conclusion of the September topic and check to make certain that members of the Brotherhood are preparing to carry out their assignments. The assignments suggest two alternate plans of procedure. A combination of these plans is also possible.

One possibility would be to have two or three members of the Brotherhood sit in front of the group and talk in a conversational manner about the topic. This should be followed by a discussion of "What We Can Do," as suggested at the conclusion of this topic.

Worship

Hymn: "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak" No. 212 C.S.B., or No. 279 P.S.H.
Scripture: Matthew 18:1-6; 19:13-15
Free Prayer
Special Music
Hymn: "O Thou Whose Feet Have Climbed Life's Hill"—No. 214 C.S.B., or No. 143 P.S.H.
Topic
Hymn: "Now the Light Has Gone Away"—No. 472 C.S.B., or No. 337 P.S.H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

official men's organization of the church. "Promote aggressively a Christ-centered, experienced-centered, and guided boys' work program, such as scouting," is therefore the ninth objective of the Brotherhood.

Scouting Promotes Self-reliance

Scouting has a tendency to make boys self-reliant in a day and age when there is not too much independent thinking and action. It encourages boys to make an honest effort to solve their own problems. Every requirement of scouting is in the nature of a problem to be solved, involving the boy's own welfare and the welfare of others. The scout is taught by actual practice what to do in all kinds of emergencies, so that he may be able to take care of himself and others. He learns to cook his own food, pitch his own tent, find his way through the forest, cross a stream, climb a mountain, signal to his fellows, and do many worthwhile things. This training gives him confidence in his ability to take care of himself.

Scouting also gives every boy a job to do for the the good of others. Scouting is doing worthwhile things with and for the group. One of the values of scouting lies in the fact that it is always challenging boys to do something — to go on a hike, to do a good turn, to pitch a tent. Boys who are exposed to this kind of training will soon learn to stand on their own feet and think for themselves, and this is what is needed in America today. The spirit of the pioneers, which made America great has been all but lost. There is a growing tendency in our day for people to depend o others to do the thinking for them to wait for the group or the gover ment to direct what we are to do. B scouting teaches boys to stand o their own feet. It brings out the be in boys. The Brotherhood should ai to establish a Boy Scout troop in e ery congregation of the church.

Pro Deo et Patria Award

The *Pro Deo et Patria* award given to scouts by the church in re ognition of spiritual achievement. is issued by the Lutheran Committe on Scouting. It stimulates a scout t more complete fulfillment of th twelfth law of scouting: "A scout reverent." It encourages him (1) t be faithful in church and Sunday school attendance, (2) to read hi Bible daily, (3) to grow in knowl edge and appreciation of the church and (4) to give practical expressio to his faith through service to hi church and community.

In the *Pro Deo et Patria* progra the Boy Scout must fulfill the reli gious requirements under the guidanc of his own pastor. This brings th scout and his spiritual adviser to gether in a close relationship tha may have far-reaching effects on th boy's life. When all the requirement have been met the award is authorize by the Lutheran Committee on Scout ing and presented to the scout at regular church service. This award has been officially approved by The Boy Scouts of America and is to be worn alongside the Eagle Scou badge.

One of the requirements for the

Deo et Patria award is 150 hours service to the church and community. Among the activities of uts in fulfillment of this requirement might be the following: assisting usher in church, serving as messger, helping at church dinners, tributing church bulletins and er literature to homes of members, ing errands for the church and its ganizations, distributing flowers to sick, caring for church lawns, reiring church property and equipent, directing traffic near church, sisting older persons and children crossing busy streets before and llowing church meetings, singing in e church choir, serving as pianist in nday school, playing in the Sunay-school orchestra, serving as altar y.

Scouting definitely serves the urch. It provides a program of rich d varied boy activities which can asily be integrated into the congreation's program of religious educaon. It is an effective tool to help in, develop, and conserve the youth f America for God and country.

Leadership Is Important

It is trite to say that if you want a ood basketball team you must seure a good coach; or if you want a ood band you must provide a cometent director. But by some strange ind of reasoning some folks seem to hink that almost any kind of leadership will do for a group of adolescent oys. Troop committees should seek out the highest type of men and challenge them to become leaders in scouting. Really successful scout leaders are the very salt of the earth. They take active, noisy, adolescent boys and help them to become good citizens of the community, state, and nation. Whenever scouting fails it is due to poor leadership, and not to some inherent defect in the scouting program.

Man-Boy Relationships

Scouting brings men and boys together. Herein lies its greatest value. If the boys of today had close companionship with men of character there would be little juvenile delinquency. Boys will pattern their lives after somebody. It is our responsibility to provide them with good leaders after whom they can pattern. There is no substitute for this man-boy relationship as a means for training good Christian citizens. Here is a challenge to the men of the church, to make their lives count by being worthy companions and examples to boys.

The early Spanish explorers of our country sought in vain for the fountain of youth. More fortunate have been those who have spent a part of their time and talent in serving youth. To their great delight and satisfaction they discovered the fountain of youth without even seeking it. Cares and worries and aches were forgotten as they shared in the life of the young people. It is impossible to give unselfish service without getting more than we give. As we serve youth we find anew the fountain of youth.

What Can We Do

The following suggestions should be discussed at some length. Some of

them should be carried out by individuals, others by the Brotherhood as a whole. Add other projects, according to local needs. Do not undertake more than can really be accomplished.

1. Study the youth problem of your church and community. Find out what the boys need and endeavor to supply it.

2. Train yourself for leadership of boys' activities. Leadership training can be had in many scout courses as well as summer schools and camps.

3. See that your church provides good facilities for boy activities. Boys are often forgotten when churches are built or rebuilt.

4. Examine your total congregational program for boys and strive for improvements. See that boys stay in Sunday school after confirmation. Provide sympathetic and qualified teachers for the boys.

5. Ask local scout or 4-H Club leaders to help introduce the programs into your church.

6. Become a member of committees or boards which sponsor boys' work in the community.

7. Sponsor social affairs for teen age boys and girls. They need the opportunity to mingle with each other under proper auspices.

8. Adopt a boy who needs guidance. Be a big brother to him.

9. Have a men-boys' vesper service, and a father-son banquet.

10. Sponsor a boys' choir or orchestra.

11. Cultivate friendship with boys.

12. Sponsor athletic teams for boys.

13. Participate in inter-denominational programs for boys on a community-wide basis. Find out if your local high school has a Hi-Y program and encourage it.

14. Plan a definite program for the year. Outline projects well in advance. Enlist the cooperation of every man for at least some small part in the work with boys.

Assignments for the November Meeting

Our topic in November will be "Practicing Christian Citizenship," based on the tenth Brotherhood objective. That the meeting may bear the largest possible fruit, the following assignments should be made:

1. Appoint a committee of two or three members to visit the local assessor to learn the principles by which he evaluates property, how he checks upon the accuracy of his assessments, major laws under which he operates, the main problems he faces in his work, and ways in which Christians can support him in his office.

2. Appoint a committee to find out what steps must be taken, and what requirements must be met to have a person entered as a candidate for each of the elective offices listed on the ballot at your last general election.

3. Get information on the age, sex, occupation, residence, and church membership of members of your state or provincial legislature. In what ways are they not representative of the population of your state or province?

4. Appoint a committee to look up and to report on the "Hoover Commission" recommendations for federal governmental reorganization in some field of special interest such as agriculture, health, welfare, or communications.

5. Survey your congregation and community to learn (1) how many members of your congregation hold an elective or appointive public office (2) how many of your local elected officials are active members of a Christian church.

6. Plan to project the filmslide with sound entitled "Mr. Harris Joins the Human Race." It shows what happens to a Christian when he realizes his social obligation to his community. Other filmstrips, filmslides, and motion pictures may be obtained from state colleges and other sources.

That Insecure Back Door

Since it was too hot to fall asleep mediately, he just lay in bed nking about his house. He won- ed: How secure are a man's home d family against intruders at night? Yes, he had closed and locked all ndows on the first floor. Then he d locked the front door and the ar door.

Now the front door had a good ck on it. The intricate mechanism quired a special key to operate it. ne lock could be picked only with fficulty, if at all; and then only by expert thief.

But it was the back door that both- ed him. That door had a ridiculous- simple lock on it, which anything motely resembling a key could pen.

Why, he wondered, do some houses ave a good lock on the front door nd an insecure one on the back door? house is indeed no safer from in- usion than its weakest lock.

Among people you will find that o two personalities are alike. Each erson has a "front" that is unique, hich only a special key of under- tanding and approach will unlock.

But in the "rear" of life are the eak spots. There you find the com- non human emotions and foibles.

You can hardly find a character nore attractive in his outward appeal han Samson of old. Possessing sheer nimal strength and beauty, he per- ormed acts of valor against his ene- nies the Philistines. But his weakness was his passion for a woman. He succumbed to the treachery of the one he loved.

Almost every person has his price, that weak point where he will sell his life to the wrong purchaser.

Christianity is less interested in what a man appears to be than in what he really is at heart. For Jesus revealed: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries . . . these are the things which defile a man; but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

So guard carefully that insecure back door of life. That is the first place the thieves of temptation will try to enter.

—Joseph B. Mohr

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Snapshots

A COPY of the July issue of *Lutheran Men* was placed in the cornerstone of the new combination building of Central Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebr., on August 7.

"PEACE OF MIND" was the subject of an address by the Rev. William R. Seaman, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Souderton, at the 5th Sunday Rally of the Allentown (Pa.) Conference Brotherhood in New Jerusalem Church of Lower Saucon, the Rev. Richard Beck, pastor.

THE IOWA Synod will have its first full-time president on Jan. 1, 1952, as a result of action taken at the 97th annual convention in Mason City in May, and election for the new president will be held on Sept. 11 in St. John's Church, Des Moines.

THE REV. Gordon O. Lindemann, ULCA missionary in Liberia, was officially commended by the U.S. State Department for his "noble work" in reaching the scene of the crash of a Pan-American Airways 4-engine Constellation in which 40 persons lost their lives on June 22 near the Liberian capital of Monrovia.

THE LUTHERAN Church of Slovakia has been placed under Communist leadership.

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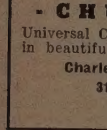

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THE 13TH biennial convention o the American Federation of Luthera Brotherhoods will be held in Curti Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 2 t 3, and the theme of the meetings wil be "Responsible Christian Men."

AN ACUTE need exists for pastor in Venezuela, who comprise larg to minister to the scattered Lutheran numbers of Germans and Latvian and smaller groups of Hungarians Estonians and Finns, reports the Rev Fred W. Kern, in Venezuela on as signment from the NLC's new Com mission on Lutheran Cooperation i Latin America.

A LUTHERAN congregation with 7 charter members has been organized on the island of Formosa.

DR. WILDA Lea Montgomery o Boone, N.C., who had been teaching in New Mexico, was elected associate professor of education and psychol ogy in Newberry College, Presiden James C. Kinard announced.

THE UNITED States received its 250,000th displaced person, Volody mir Holubiw, Polish Ukranian refu gee, and his family, who arrived in New York July 10 under auspices o Church World Service.

A $30,000 gift to Carthage College in memory of his wife was presented by Everett G. Mitchell, Park Ridge Ill., NBC's director of rural life broadcasting of the midwest area.

THE REV. George Harkins, assistant Dr. Franklin C. Fry, will be one the main speakers at the Luther gue of America convention, Iowa y, Iowa, August 13 to 17.

THE EVANGELICAL Lutheran Insti- for the Deaf, in Detroit, Mich., s the site of the 34th biennial con- ntion of the Slovak Lutheran Syn- August 14 to 21.

DR. ROBERT Miller, assistant pro- sor of chemistry at Hartwick Col- e, Oneonta, N.Y., will begin in- stigations into certain areas of the ld of antihistamines under a grant research purposes to the college m the Research Corporation, 405 xington Ave., New York City.

THE SECOND mammoth rally of the otherhood of the Lutheran Minis- rium of Pennsylvania will be held historic Trappe Church, College- lle, Pa., Sept. 9, at 3 p.m.

DR. AMOS J. Traver, of Hamma Di- nity School, and former editor of *utheran Men*, was guest speaker at rinity Church, Charleston, W. Va., n August 5.

THE WALTHER League *Messenger*, onthly periodical of the official youth organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will appear in pocket-size format in September.

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It is too bad that so many persons' reading habits remain on the level of only the large type on newspapers. And now with television in practically every home, there is scarcely any need to read at all. It is distressing to imagine what this is doing to the minds and thinking of people today.

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